



# Brides, Weddings & Li

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In this delightful, funny, and heartfelt story, a young woman named Li discovers the meaning of love, ritual, and ceremony when she begins managing the family bridal shop.

She meets three brides: Yi Qi, preparing to marry a classmate who is moving to the United States; Yi Jia, dreaming of a romantic wedding; and Man Man, an influencer with nearly a million followers, meticulously planning every detail of her big day.

Each bride faces unique and complex challenges. They must balance Eastern and Western cultures, navigate between traditional and modern ceremonies, mediate family expectations, and work around various taboos and customs. Will the couples find clarity and happiness, or will they part ways and forge their own futures? This humorous and intimate look at wedding planning will charm readers, offering a fresh perspective on love and tradition.



## Jiji

Jiji holds a master's degree in veterinary medicine and is a licensed veterinarian. After dedicating seven years to saving animals, Jiji chose to save herself through drawing. *Brides, Weddings & Li* won the Annual Comic Award at the Golden Comic Awards. Her work has been licensed for adaptation into film and television.

# If You Ever Feel Overwhelmed by Weddings, I Suggest You Read This Book

by Liu Rongjuan  
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Unlike other event planning roles, my job as a wedding planner involves everything—from early discussions about the banquet to managing the day itself. When I read *Brides, Weddings & Li*, I couldn't help but laugh in recognition.

A wedding is not just a one-day event. From the start, the consultant is there for the couple—particularly the bride. The entire process of planning a wedding is like preparing for battle, filled with unforeseen obstacles, useless allies, and helpful partners. Ceasefires and reconciliations are part of the routine—until suddenly, the wedding day arrives.

With humor and vivid storytelling, *Brides, Weddings & Li* explores how couples navigate the intricate customs and taboos of Taiwanese weddings. Once you understand the meaning behind

these traditions, you can better manage them. This book helped me realize why these customs are essential—they give parents time to accept that their child has grown up. From the proposal to choosing auspicious dates and preparing for the day their daughter leaves home, these rituals help parents adjust to their child's new life. It's their way of offering blessings, love, and support, even if it leads to some inevitable conflicts along the way.

Some traditions—like forbidding people born in the Year of the Tiger from attending weddings—may seem absurd to younger generations. But understanding them can reveal creative ways to adapt. For example, in one story, the bride-to-be, born in the Year of the Tiger, is told to avoid certain rituals. Her playful response? "No problem! I'll just

stay in the room for more than 15 minutes, and the bad luck is gone!" Her warmth and humor offer practical solutions to even the strictest taboos.

Beyond customs, the banquet venue and menu are the most important aspects of a wedding. Western-style menus, in particular, often present challenges. I once had two families attend a banquet tasting, and the father, accustomed to Chinese cuisine, expressed dissatisfaction throughout the meal. Despite the couple's love for the venue, it didn't matter. In such moments, my role isn't to push the contract but to ensure both families feel comfortable. (In the end, the bride's grandmother was a great help, thoroughly enjoying the Western meal. It turns out that if you win over the grandmother, you win over the father as well.)

I often hug the bride and remind her that a wedding isn't just about two people—it's about two families. If things don't work out, it's okay to part ways, just like Yi Jia and Yu Zhe in the story, each finding their own path. You'll eventually discover what's right for you, and it will be

the best choice, with no regrets.

On the wedding day, when the bride says her farewells to her parents, tears often fall before any words are spoken. No matter how much you prepare, some things remain unsaid.

If you ever feel overwhelmed by wedding preparations, I suggest you read *Brides, Weddings & Li*. You'll uncover delightful stories behind every tradition.

And when you find yourself at a crossroads in your relationship, unsure of the next step, turn to this book as well. Jiji reminds us that while A-Li and Da Mao's childhood love is precious, finding a like-minded partner isn't easy. If you haven't found the right partner, don't settle for less.

From the moment you sign the marriage contract, you become each other's partner.

But remember, you'll always be your parents' child.

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*This has been condensed for the purposes of this booklet.*

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